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1. A group of mine sweeping and other vessels engaged in maneuvers off the Isle of Ruegen from 15 October until at least 3 November 1950. (1)
2. On 29 October there were four mine sweepers in a closed-off berth in Sassnitz harbor. The vessels were all about the same size, were painted grey, and each had one stack. Of the four, only one was a German type. It was probably one of the former M-Boote, Type 43. The others were probably Soviet vessels. All were armed fore and aft with one light weapon corresponding to the German 3.7 cm. In addition, all save the German boat were armed with one 2 cm. antiaircraft weapon. All the vessels had mine sweeping equipment on board. The three non-German type boats each had one anchor mine, probably a practice mine, on the stern.
3. The night of 30-31 October, five other mine sweepers entered the harbor and the German-type vessel departed. The rusty condition of the hulls of the new arrivals indicated that they had been on maneuvers for a considerable length of time. So far as could be ascertained, the crews were Soviet sailors.
4. On 1 November at 11:30 A.M., near the Negetonne Buoy Number Five, on the turn-off to Arkona, two Soviet submarines, (2) a destroyer or large torpedo boat, and two black mine sweepers were seen. There was a heavy haze so that the types and details could not be made out. Fishermen clearing the port of Sassnitz are warned against approaching close to such vessels.
5. On 3 November at 6:45 P.M. the signal lights at Arkona and Dornbusch were suddenly extinguished and were not observed to go on again. (3)
6. The wreck of the former steamer HAMBURG ran aground while being towed into the Warnow Nerft in Warnemuende. Three bucket dredges and one suction dredge are at work to get the vessel clear and into the shipyard.
7. A factory for making Diesel motors is being built in Rostock.

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8. West German fishermen are not allowed on land at Greifswald and Wiek.
9. From 29 October until 4 November no Seepolizei vessels were observed in the harbor or at sea. A school for the Seepolizei has recently been established at Ribnitz on the Saaler Bodden.

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- (1) Comment: by other sources.

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- (2) Comment: Probably of the M-2 class.

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- (3) Comment: The extinction of the beacon lights was probably part of the exercise and was done to simulate war-time conditions. Sassnitz was probably the base for the maneuvers.

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